



**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN January 17, 2020**

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**BOOTS**  
and  
*Ballgowns*

February 29, 2020

Southfork Ranch  
Oil Barron's Ballroom  
6pm-Midnight

BUY TICKETS NOW  
<https://one.bidpal.net/stmarkauction2020>

*Let's dine and drink like the Exiles  
LIVE MUSIC  
Plated Dinner  
Large Casino, 1  
Booth and much  
more!*

**Make plans to attend the only school fundraiser of the year!**

**Mix and mingle with the St. Mark community while raising funds for the new rosary garden and school technology fund.**

Tickets are on sale now  
at <https://one.bidpal.net/stmarkauction2020>.

Want to become a sponsor?  
Contact Auction Chair Casey Hendrix  
at [caseyhendrix@gmail.com](mailto:caseyhendrix@gmail.com).

**Prayer for the 2019-20 School Year**

Lord, help us to come together as a  
community  
to support one another, encourage one  
another  
and show each other kindness. Amen.

**St. Mark Mantra**

Every day we treat others as we would  
treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind  
and soul.

**REMINDERS**

**Today, Friday, January 17:**

-7th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School  
Mass and will be praying for vocations during the  
upcoming weeks.

**Monday, January 20:**

-NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Day

**Wednesday, January 22:**

Teacher Luncheon hosted by TK, Kindergarten & 6th  
grades

**Thursday, January 23:**

-Diocesan Spelling Bee

**Friday, January 24:**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 7th  
grade, followed by a "Laps for Leukemia" presentation.  
All are welcome.

-Re-enrollment Begins for Current Families

**Catholic Schools Week Begins:**



**A National School of  
Excellence**



**Named 1 of the top 3  
Catholic schools in the nation for  
technology integration**

**FROM THE NURSE'S  
OFFICE**

Next week, the school nurse will be  
conducting screenings for AN

**Saturday, January 25-Sunday, January 26 - We Love our Parish Families:**

-Students attend St. Mark and other parish masses in uniform.

-[Volunteers](#) distribute school literature at neighboring parish masses.

**Sunday, January 26:**

-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Lion's Lair Gym: Used Uniform Sale

-10:15 AM, School Main Hallway: Class of 2019 Portrait Unveiling

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS



A warm St. Mark welcome to the new students who joined us this week:

Kevin S. - TK - Mrs. Young's Class  
Caitlyn N. - 4th grade - Mrs. Samples' Class  
Carly N. - 4th grade - Ms. Eisele's Class

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR CSW NEIGHBORING PARISH MASSES



Volunteer families are still needed to distribute St. Mark literature at neighboring parish masses next weekend as Catholic Schools Week begins.

**Middle school students can earn 1.5 service hours and all students earn a Dress Down Day on 2/5/20.**

(acanthosis nigricans) – a skin condition that can be a marker for insulin resistance and Type 2 diabetes. This important health screening is state-mandated for all students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7. If interested you can read more info [here](#) or contact the school nurse.

## CATHOLIC MATH LEAGUE

Attention Catholic Math League Participants: The remaining Catholic Math League testing dates are Wednesday, February 5 and Wednesday, March 4. On the test dates, qualified participants will enter through the Cafetorium between 6:45 and 6:55 AM. Testing starts at 7:00 AM. No students will be admitted after 7:00 AM. Only students taking the test will be admitted. Thank you for your support. (NOTE: Students who qualified to participate have been notified.)

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



**SCHOOL  
ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

Access the November 21, 2019 SAC meeting minutes [here](#).

If you are available for one of the following masses, please sign-up at the link below:

**Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Plano:**

Saturday, January 25 - 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 26 - 5:00 PM Mass

**St. Gabriel Catholic Church in McKinney:**

Sunday, January 26 - 9:00 AM Mass

Parent volunteer slots are also still available at our upcoming Open Houses. Please sign-up at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10co444a8af29a7f94-volunteer1>

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. In 2020, Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for January 27 – 31 (note that a couple preliminary

activities begin the weekend prior). St. Mark observes Catholic Schools Week with special activities each day that celebrate the people who make up our Catholic community. Students, faculty and staff take part in the daily festivities, and we invite all of our school families to participate in the family events. Access full details anytime on the [school website](#). Please familiarize yourself with this information so that you and your child will be prepared each day.

## FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

## ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Back by popular demand,

St. Mark will be hosting the "Kidventure" summer program on our campus in 2020! For the last 25 years, Kidventure has created new and dynamic opportunities for kids to grow, play, and be themselves. It is more than just a camp. Their award-winning programs are designed to help children grow more independent, foster greater social skills, and create real-life positive relationships. They do all of this in one of the most thoughtful and fun environments - *Camp!* Dates are June 1- July 31 (you may pick and choose your weeks). Registration begins February 7 for ages 3 years – 5th grade. The cost is \$240 per week. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. Pre & post camp options are available (7:00 AM-6:00 PM). For general information, please visit [www.kidventure.com](http://www.kidventure.com).

## WORK OF HEART



Has a faculty or staff

member gone "above and beyond" for your student or family? Nominate him or her for a "Work of Heart Award" through The Catholic Foundation. Simply complete their [online nomination form](#). Winners receive a certificate of recognition, a check from The



## USED UNIFORM & FIRST COMMUNION ATTIRE DONATIONS

HSA will host its semi-annual "Used Uniform Sale" during Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 26, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Lion's Lair Gym. **New this year:** We hope to include First Communion dresses and suits.

**\*We are now accepting gently worn school uniforms, as well as First Communion dresses, boys' suits, and accessories through January 24 in the school office. If you would like to donate, please follow these guidelines:**

- School uniforms must be in new or gently worn condition, and must be laundered.
- First Communion dresses and suits must be in new or gently worn condition, dry cleaned, hung on a hanger, and covered with a plastic "dry cleaning" bag.
- First Communion accessories (veils, jewelry, belts, shoes, etc.) must be in new or gently used condition.
- We cannot accept socks or tights unless they are brand new.

Thank you for sharing these items with other school families.

Catholic Foundation, and special recognition at All School Mass.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM



Welcome to the St. Mark Community Prayer Team! It is our goal to bring the St. Mark community closer to Christ and

each other. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, please pray for St. Mark from wherever you are.

**\*Prayer Walks:** We will conduct Prayer Walks on the first Friday of each month and hope you can join us. The next one will take place February 7.

**\*Prayer Requests:** Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the prayer table located in the hallway between the Admin. offices and the Cafetorium. The intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

**\*Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention:** In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

January: Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

The 2020-21 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their Preschool-8th grade child? Here are two ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:



**1. REFERRALS:** Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming Open House, the ECE Come & Play Day, or a private tour at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours). If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

### 2020 Open Houses:

January 28 - 9:00 AM

February 4 - 6:00 PM

March 24 - 8:00 AM

April 21 - 5:30 PM (PK/Kindergarten)

### 2020 Come and Play Day:

Tuesday, April 9, 9:00-10:30 AM (PK/Kindergarten)

Families with preschool/kindergarten children are encouraged to play on our playground, enjoy a snack, and get a sneak peek inside our ECE classrooms. Open to individual families and playgroups.

**2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE:** Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or website such as [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), or a neighborhood [Facebook](#) page? If so, please take a moment to post our Open House and "Come and Play Day" dates (see above). If there is room for a detailed description, simply email [Debbie Reed](#) and she'll send the information to you for posting.

## AROUND THE PARISH



The new St. Mark women's study for the spring will begin Wednesday,

January 22. It is from Ascension Press and is called *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism (Part Two)* by Sonja Corbit. This is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic faith using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a blueprint for God's plan. While it is designed as a faith-sharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings.

Meetings take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Smyth Pastoral Center. [Click here to register.](#) Questions? Contact [Chris Keith](#).

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

HTS invites you to public mass. Each mass is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the HTS seminarians.

**Upcoming Mass Date:** 1/26/20  
**Time:** 9:15 AM





## NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

### SERVICE HOUR



**OPPORTUNITY:** Middle school students can earn service hours by working at the concession stand during home basketball games. Please [click here](#) for the schedule and contact [marlene.ehring@stmcs.net](mailto:marlene.ehring@stmcs.net) to sign-up.

**Location:** 3131 Vince Hagan Drive,  
Irving, TX



Mrs. Denvir invites all students and their families to attend the monthly French masses held at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks after each mass.

**Upcoming Mass Date:** 2/16/20

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Location:** 3550 Cistercian Road,  
Irving, TX

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



**Did you know?** 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Dansby, earned her B.S. degree from TCU and is certified in grades 1-8 with a specialization in

Biology. She and her husband have three sons who all graduated from St. Mark. Mrs. Dansby loves reading, shopping, the Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks, cooking, and spending time with her grandchild and pets.

## PAW PRIDE



The St. Mark Robotics teams competed in their first public school robotics competition through the Texas Computer Education Association Area 10 and placed as follows, and qualified for State:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Invention Division:** Amelia M., Gabriela M., Nataly M., Hannah R.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Invention Division:** Loe C., Matt M., Sebastian R., Evan V.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Arena Division:** Karson A., Diya C., Sneha M., Jeslyn T.

**GO LIONS!**



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**Track Coaches Needed:** If you are interested in coaching DPL JV or Varsity Track in the spring, please contact Athletic Director [Marlene](#)

Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your spirit wear needs!

It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30- 8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear](http://www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear). Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.



## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

**Prayer Walk:**

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**





**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Spirit Night at Metroplex Gymnastics**

Drop-off the kiddos for an evening of indoor entertainment while you enjoy a parent night out!

205 E. Bethany in Allen  
Friday, January 31, 2020  
Drop-off: 6:30 PM; Pick-Up: 9:30 OR 11:00 PM

More details coming soon!



The Spring Talent Show has been moved to Friday, April 3. Please stay tuned for more details!



We are in need of volunteers for Junior Achievement! This is a great opportunity to be in the classroom and teach our kids some basic business and economic principles. JA classes are taught once a week for five weeks for a total of five classes. Each class is 30 minutes long. All teaching materials are provided. The volunteer works directly with the classroom teacher to schedule sessions that are convenient for both. Training will be held on January 29 at 2:30 PM in the Cafetorium. [Please click here to sign up.](#) For questions or volunteer sign-up, please email [Polly Chesler](#).



**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**  
**REMEMBER THAT**

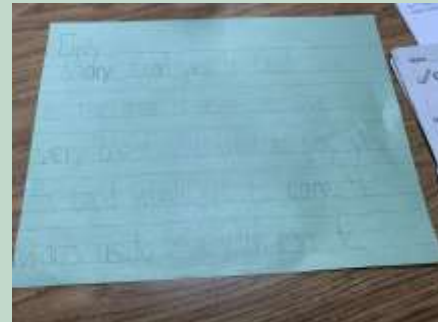
**YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING MUST BE CURRENT.**



**Girl Scout Silver Award:**



**Kindergarten Learns About Mary:**



### **Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers**

**Needed:** Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. [Click here](#) for the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).

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**ECE Front Desk Volunteers Needed:** Early Childhood needs volunteers to man the front desk each day, answering the door, the phone, and doing occasional craft prep. Volunteers may bring a book/work, and the desktop computer is available if needed. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-2:00 PM, and Friday, 9:30AM-2:00 PM. Any amount of time is appreciated. Please [click here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius, and be sure to include the hours you can volunteer in the "comments." Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#)

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**Library volunteers** are needed for Kindergarten-8th Grade! Please visit the Library [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see the schedule of available times. There are plenty of opportunities!

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### **Helping Hands Committee**

If you know any St. Mark families in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life event, please contact the [Helping Hands](#)

[Committee](#).

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Hooray for Box Tops! November and December brought in \$58.40 for the school (\$39.20 in clipped Box Tops and \$19.20 online). Keep clipping and submitting those Box Tops online! The next submission is only a month away. Don't forget to download the Box Tops app if you haven't already, and scan your receipt with eligible products within 14 days of purchase. For physical Box Tops, please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands (expiration date must be visible); place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops!) or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by **January 31**. Each Box Top submitted

earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



**Shop at Kroger and Earn Money for St. Mark:** Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go to the St. Mark Home & School

Association. [Click here](#) for instructions. Be sure to re-link every 12 months.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



**Calling all elementary and middle school students:** John Paul II High School's upcoming production of *The Music*

*Man* has parts available to you!

**Auditions** take place January 22 with call backs on January 23.

**Rehearsals** begin January 27. A music rehearsal with the band is required for all cast members on March 22. Dress rehearsals are required for all cast members on March 23, 24, 25, 26. **Performances:** Friday March 27 @ 7:00 PM, Saturday March 28 @ 7:00 PM, and Sunday March 29 @ 2:00 PM

Contact Terry Tuck at [terrytuck@johnpaulihs.org](mailto:terrytuck@johnpaulihs.org) for audition materials/info. [Click here for additional details.](#)

**Parts for elementary and middle school students:**

\*WINTHROP PAROO: Alto, C – E Flat (8-10)

\*AMARYLLIS: Alto, C - E

\*ENSEMBLE: Boys and Girls of River City (boys will also be part of the boys band- you do not have to play an instrument)

## QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

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